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### VESTABURG

Henry Lewis was in Crystal Monday.

Mrs. G. Peasley was in Elwell Saturday.

The Athletics played ball at Sidney Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Murphy were at Winn Sunday.

John McGahn returned from Nessen Friday evening.

Frank Hamlin returned to Butter-nut Wednesday.

Mrs. Joe Greenhoe returned from St. Louis Monday.

George Nickerson returned from Houghton Lake Monday.

Ernest Byard has sold his ice cream parlor to Mrs. J. Grear.

Dell Hamlin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mallory.

Mrs. J. Grear and daughter, Mildred returned from Ithaca Friday.

Mrs. George Schnepf of Wheeler called on Mrs. Wm. Caris Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Worden and children visited near McBride Sunday.

Miss Alward of St. Louis is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Courser.

Mrs. C. Marlin and Miss F. Throop attended the ball game at Sidney Sunday.

Daniel Harpst and wife were in Ferris Saturday visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. Richards.

Mrs. Doris Amel and Errol Nevills were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Caris Friday.

Mrs. James Corder and children visited in Breckenridge from Saturday until Sunday evening.

Robert Smith, who is working at Mosely, visited friends here from Saturday evening until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Loranger of Saginaw are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pifer and other relatives.

The Vestaburg All Stars and Athletics will play ball at the Vestaburg ball park Friday afternoon, August 7th.

Mrs. Minnie Cook and daughter, of Edmore spent Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Malin Briggs.

Mrs. Harry Greenhoe and children returned from St. Louis Tuesday, where she has been visiting since Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown of Riverdale spent the first of the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown.

Mrs. Mable Neat returned Monday to her home in Saginaw accompanied by her niece, Miss Kathleen Cummings.

Mrs. M. Malloy returned from McBride Wednesday where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Maggie Hamlin, who accompanied her home and spent the day visiting friends.

Remember to be in Vestaburg at 9:00 a. m. Thursday, August 13th, to hear all about alfalfa, under the auspices of the Western Michigan Development Bureau. The meeting will begin promptly so be on time.

Charles Rhodes went to Nessen Sunday.

Miss Opal Grear is visiting friends in Ithaca.

Miss Mildred Tupper returned from Ithaca Monday.

Mr. Mulligan of Breckenridge called on Wm. Caris Friday.

George Reed spent the first of the week in Grand Rapids.

Dr. McLachlan of Elwell called on patients Friday evening.

Miss Inez Reed visited in Riverdale Wednesday evening and Thursday.

Mrs. Charles Rhodes and daughter, Zella, were in Edmore Wednesday.

Miss Coral Elliott had a lawn party Saturday evening. All report a good time.

Leo Cox of Saginaw is here visiting his grandmother, Mrs. M. Malloy and other relatives.

Mrs. U. R. Hicks and daughter, Louise, returned from Gobleville Saturday evening.

The Sunday School convention and picnic will be held at Rock Lake on Thursday, August 1.

The Vestaburg All Stars defeated the Riverdale ball team Saturday. The score was 5 to 8.

Malin Briggs and sons returned from Houghton Lake Tuesday with seven bushels of huckleberries.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Harding accompanied by Alton Hornbeck and family, motored to Remus Sunday.

The Vestaburg Band played at Riverdale Saturday evening and several from here accompanied them.

Errol Nevills of Chicago who has been spending the past week with his grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Nevills, returned to his home Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kellicott of Riverdale and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Priest, spent Saturday and Sunday at Bass Lake.

Bert Bridwell, Jr., went to Saginaw Monday to visit relatives and expects to visit at Mt. Pleasant and Lansing before returning home.

The most exciting baseball game of the season will be played by the business men of Vestaburg and Riverdale at Riverdale Thursday afternoon, August 6th.

Miss Edith Platt and friend, Miss Cook, who are nursing at Dr. Brainerd's hospital in Alma, came Friday evening to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kie Platt.

Mrs. Blanche Manley was pleasantly surprised by a number of her friends and relatives at her home Friday evening in honor of her birthday anniversary. The evening was spent socially with music.

E. Howard, F. Reader, Wm. Wartz, C. Caris, F. Murphy, H. Manley, G. Worden, F. Cornell, C. Marlin, M. Unger and Mesdames B. Manley, J. Beach, F. Murphy, and F. Cornell attended the ball game at Riverdale Saturday.

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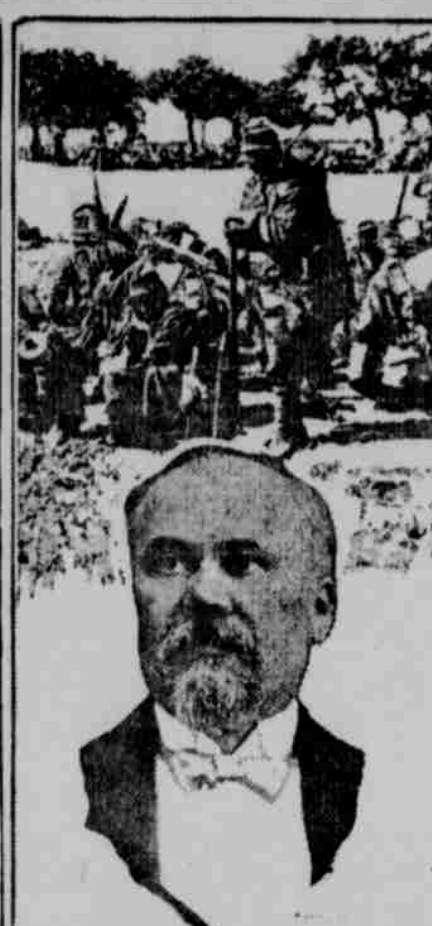
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## The Triple Entente

**Great Britain, Russia and France Allied For Joint Armed Action to Protect Common Interests**

By CAPTAIN GEORGE L. KILMER.  
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The triple entente, a friendly bond between Russia, England and France, is a legacy which Edward VII. of England left to posterity. He was the moving spirit in its formation. It began with an agreement entered into between Great Britain and France and was completed by a later agreement with Russia and the two others in 1907.

Its formation was actuated by several things, but chiefly by the growth of Germany's naval power. That could be interpreted only as a menace to England, for England is the supreme lord of the seas.

England's admittance into the understanding between Russia and France made the triple entente a formidable force to reckon with if united in action.

**Anglo-French Agreement of 1904.**

The Anglo-French agreement, so called, of 1904 was rather a diplomatic compromise than an agreement. France conceded certain rights claimed on the "French shore" of Newfoundland for an indemnity. England on her part recognized the claims and ambitions of France in Morocco. In other words a free hand in that sphere. France agreed not to fortify opposite Gibraltar, accepted British occupation of Egypt, and England guaranteed the neutrality of the Suez canal. Other agreements covered thirty years free trading in Egypt and Morocco and minor disputed boundaries.

**Anglo-Russian Agreement of 1907.**

The Anglo-Russian convention of 1907 regulates the interests in west and central Asia, and amounted, when made to practical abandonment of the traditional hostility of England to Russia; also removing the chances of collision in Asia, where the two nations had long been in a state of antagonistic contact. In Persia, Tibet and Afghanistan, England agreed not to seek concessions in certain parts of Persia, and Russia to observe the same rule in other parts. In their respective spheres of influence either power might use force to collect debts. Afghanistan Russia declared outside of her sphere, and both powers agreed to negotiate as to Tibet, through China.

**The Triple Entente in 1914.**

The arrangement and terms of the triple entente have been formally set forth as follows:

The aims of the triple entente, so called, Great Britain, France and Russia, are:

First.—The balance of power.  
Second.—Strengthening of the treaty law in the interests of peace and the status quo.  
Third.—Disarmament.

In April, 1904, the entente was made between France and England. This year when King George of England visited Paris in April there was much speculation among statesmen and publicists about the possible transformation of the entente into an alliance. This notwithstanding the fact that in 1907 Russia had become a member of the entente, making a tripartite.

The difference between an entente and an alliance is said to resemble on its face that between tweedledum and tweedledee, but in fact it may be very much more. An alliance may be just so much stronger than an entente, as an entente is stronger than a relation whatsoever. The triple entente at present is a series of dual understandings between three powers.

In fact, it may be said of all these alliances between the great powers that they are entered into with great caution and a determination on the part of the statesmen not to go too far, not to commit themselves to alliances which may entangle them in broils with nations with which they really have no quarrel. An instance of this caution is found in the so called entente of Great Britain in 1907 in the sphere of the triple alliance. Friendship between Italy, a party to the triple alliance, and England is traditional. The triple alliance was alleged to be hostile to Great Britain, yet Italy could not feel that in some spheres she had, with respect to Great Britain, a common policy.

While this was for some time a mere understanding, it was of such importance that Lord Lansdowne said on one occasion in the house of lords, "If the status quo in the Mediterranean should be disturbed, this country might find itself acting in co-operation with Italy." The bearing of that remark upon the Italian relations with Germany and Austria, the other two parties to the triple alliance, was made plain by the Italian prime minister in 1906, when he said that, "Cordially faithful to the triple alliance we shall maintain our traditional intimacy with Great Britain and our sincere friendship with France, thus continuing the policy which in carefully fostering the harmony of international relations, permits us to exercise a rule of concord and peace in the council of nations."

**The Entente's Rival.**

The triple entente appears to have sprung from a desire on the part of England to check Russian and French aggressiveness—that is to say, by allying itself with these two powers and securing a balance of power in the entente it might be able to hold its partners within bounds. For instance, in any quarrel in which either France or Russia, or both combined, might engage, England would not consider itself bound to join with them, but would as a matter of justice or policy seek to restrain them. For this reason the position that the triple entente as a whole may take, or that the individual powers to the agreement may take in a crisis like that of a quarrel between a member of the triple alliance and a petty power, is usually a matter for slow deliberation.

However, in any event the attitude of the two combinations, the triple alliance and the triple entente, toward each other, in a crisis makes important the relative strength of each. It is estimated that the war footing of the triple alliance—that is, Austria, Germany, Italy—is 8,000,000 men in round numbers. To offset this military strength of the nations which Austria may call to her assistance in case of aggression by any one of the

three powers in the triple entente there are approximately 10,000,000 men. The troops of the Balkan states, Serbia, Roumania, Montenegro and Bulgaria, as well as of Greece, are trained veterans today, having emerged recently from arduous campaigns against Turkey.

**Relative Fighting Strength.**

Assuming that the war must spread from the local field to other strategic points, the strength of the three great powers of the entente is of vital moment. Russia is believed to have at least 5,500,000 soldiers in its army when the full war strength of its establishment is called out. The estimate for France is 2,500,000 to 4,000,000, while that of Great Britain is less than a fifth of that of Russia and less than one-half of the minimum of France, being about 750,000 men. In a clash between the three great powers of the triple alliance and the three of the triple entente the navies must necessarily play a great part, if not the chief part.

Just what the objective will be when the great forces are launched forth upon foreign soil can only be determined by the exigencies of the campaign. If it is a seacoast or port then the navy may virtually decide the struggle before the army gets to the field to strike its blow.

**Navies in the Entente.**

Russia's naval complement today is approximately 200 vessels. Of this number thirteen are battleships, six armored cruisers, eight cruisers, ninety-five destroyers, forty-two torpedo boats, thirty-one submarines. Aiming to waylay an enemy's navy and prevent its reaching a certain point or uniting with the navy of a friendly power, the cruisers and destroyers and auxiliary vessels would be able to do good work.

The naval strength of France is nearly three times that of her copartner, Russia. France already has two Dreadnoughts afloat, twenty-seven other battleships, twenty-two armored cruisers, fifteen cruisers, eighty-four destroyers, three hundred and twenty-four torpedo boats and seventy-eight submarines. Thus France alone would make a very good showing against Germany alone on the sea, Germany having fewer vessels in number than France, or against Austria and Italy combined, the two navies of which number but three hundred and four vessels against the five hundred and fifty-two of France. Germany is stronger in battleships than France, but not so strong in armored cruisers nor in torpedo boats.

**Great Britain's Sea Power.**

A great European conflict is almost unthinkable unless the tremendous sea power of Great Britain would play a part. England's naval force is greater than that of France, if the number of vessels in a navy is to be taken as an indication of its effective strength. England has thirteen of the class of super-Dreadnoughts, of which class no power in the triple alliance has even one afloat today, although Germany has three in the process of building. As for Dreadnoughts, of which Germany has seventeen, Great Britain has sixteen to supplement her thirteen super-Dreadnoughts and forty-eight other battleships as against the thirty of this class in the German navy. In cruisers and destroyers, torpedo boats and submarines, vessels for speed and rapid action, England is again the superior of Germany.

Great Britain's destroyers number two hundred and fifteen. Germany's destroyers one hundred and forty-one; Great Britain's torpedo boats number one hundred and eighteen as against Germany's forty-seven, and Great Britain's submarines number seventy-seven to offset twenty-seven in the navy of the latter.

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### RIVERDALE

Mr. Hooper of Alma was in town Tuesday.

Irving Husted spent Sunday at Crystal Lake.

J. Lippert and wife were Alma callers Friday.

Mrs. Ira Richards was an Alma visitor Thursday.

Charlie Green and family autoed to Alma Tuesday.

Will Meade attended the ball game at Alma Wednesday.

Mrs. George Schlappi visited friends in Sumner Saturday.

Mrs. Fred Corder visited friends at Shepherd last week.

Mrs. E. M. Highfield spent Tuesday evening at Bass Lake.

Wm. Wilcox of Alma was in town Tuesday on business.

Several from here attended the show in Alma Friday.

R. Schnepf spent Monday with his son, north of Riverdale.

Miss Freda Bradley spent Saturday in Elwell with relatives.

Miss Carrie Wolfgang visited with friends in Alma Saturday.

Romaine Clark, of St. Louis, was in town Tuesday on business.

B. L. Case of Breckenridge was in town Saturday on business.

Mrs. Patrick O'Brien called on friends in Riverdale Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wiltshire visited friends at Ithaca last week.

Miss Mary Wiltshire is spending a week with her aunt at Perry.

Miss Mary Thaw of Orleans is visiting friends west of Riverdale.

Wm. Emery of Edmore called on friends in Riverdale Thursday.

Mrs. M. Woodard of Alma spent a few days last week with Mrs. Pratt.

Miss Ruth Forquer spent last week with relatives and friends in Sumner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dunkel entertained friends from McBride Saturday.

Mrs. Tom Morton and Miss Mabel Stambaugh were Riverdale callers Friday.

Mrs. Warren Bartlett and children spent Friday with Mrs. John Davenport.

Miss Esther Van Alstine is visiting friends in Adrian for a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bardon of Vestaburg, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Thayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carten are entertaining friends from St. Johns for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Boardman are entertaining their son and daughter from Howell.

Mrs. Sarah Van Sickle of Amble was an over-Sunday guest of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Rice.

Miss Bernice Osborn is visiting in Alma, for a week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Snell.

Miss Agnes Hudson has been spending a week with her brother, Lewis Hudson, of Alma.

J. W. Johnson expects to have skating in his rink Saturday evening and a fine time is expected.

Mrs. Fred Strong of Alma spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moblio.

Mrs. Frolick and Miss Ida Frolick called on friends in Riverdale Saturday.

Miss Inez Reid of Vestaburg spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Carner.

Freddie Looker went to Breckenridge Friday to play ball with the Y. M. C. A. boys.

Charles Edwards of Ft. Wayne, Ind., is spending a week with his parents, of Ferris Center.

Miss Beulah Chipman of Grand Rapids is the guest of Miss Dorothea Swope for a few days.

Mr. E. Smith spent Saturday evening and Sunday with his wife and family at Lake View.

Freddie Looker returned home on Tuesday morning from a three weeks' vacation in Saginaw.

Mrs. Jasper Norton and daughter, Dorothea spent several days last week with relatives in Edmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Hindel and family and Mrs. Wolfgang and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Carrie Kerwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Mouser and daughter of Ithaca were guests at the home of Wm. Rice and family Saturday.

Mrs. James Schnepf and son, Clark, returned home Wednesday after a two weeks' vacation at Crystal Lake.

Mr. Elmer Keith returned to Mt. Pleasant Tuesday evening after spending several days with friends in Riverdale.

Miss Helen Williams returned home Thursday evening from her visit to Niagara Falls, Washington and First Fork, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown returned home Tuesday evening after a three weeks' visit spent at Greenville and Vestaburg.

Jack Moblio, Charlie Nunn, Alfred Looker, and several others from Riverdale attended the ball game at Alma Wednesday.

Several from Riverdale attended the ball game at Elm Hall Sunday between Alma All Stars and Elm Hall. Score 3 to 2—10 innings.

**Riverdale Y. M. C. A. Team Wins One and Loses One Game This Week.**

Riverdale and Ithaca Y. M. C. A. teams played their first game Thursday, Riverdale winning 5 to 2. The game was interesting from start to finish, as the score was close until the eighth inning.

Friday the boys were defeated at Breckenridge 9 to 6.

**Vestaburg All Stars Take Second Game From Riverdale.**

Saturday afternoon Vestaburg and Riverdale clashed again and Vestaburg seemed to be a little too much for the locals. Sanders who pitched for Vestaburg, kept the hits well scattered and with the good support that he received held Riverdale to six scores while Vestaburg piled up eight scores on the local pitchers. Poor fielding on the part of Riverdale was mainly the cause of their defeat. Riverdale plays the Alma Motor Truck Co. at Alma next Saturday.

## Chautauqua Opens Aug. 8